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1. CONCUR IN MISSION VIEWS PARA 2 REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT WE PREFER FEBRUARY TIMEFRAME.
WE AGREE THAT MORE FREQUENT HILEX-TYPE EXERCISES ARE NEEDED, RATHER THAN LESS FREQUENT. ADDITIONAL EXERCISES NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE FULL-SCALE. WE WOULD NOT SEE A SHORT-WARNING ATTACK SUITABLE FOR A LOW-LEVEL SCENARIO,
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WHICH HILEX 9 SHOULD REMAIN.

2. ON QUESTION OF A HILEX-TYPE EXERCISE BASED ON A SHORT-WARNING ATTACK SCENARIO DISCUSSED IN LTDP FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN 1982, WE SUGGEST FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO FORMULATE A DRAFT SCENARIO, INCLUDING PROJECTED NATIONAL AND NATO ACTIONS AND DECISIONS. THE SCENARIO WOULD HELP

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REVEAL WHETHER PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS AT NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS APPEAR ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT APPROPRIATE DECISION
MAKING. IF IN THE OPINION OF QUALIFIED EXPERTS (IMS, IS,
SHAPE) PROCEDURES ARE ADEQUATE, WE WOULD ENVISAGE A SHORT-
WARNING HILEX IN 1982. IF PROCEDURES DO NOT APPEAR

ADEQUATE, WORK COULD BEGIN ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH COULD BE TESTED
IN A MINI-HILEX AT COEC LEVEL BEFORE APPLICATION
IN HILEX-10 (1982).

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